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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider references which have come to Applicant's attention based on an opposition of a corresponding German Patent 10238895.4.

- DE 195 07 603 C2 discloses a fixture for securing containers to rail or road cargo transport vehicles. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- EP 0 477 887 B2 corresponds to U.S. 5,560,088, also cited herein. The reference discloses a coupling means for containers. Applicant also attaches an English language abstract and the U.S. Patent is a corresponding English language document.

- A prospectus of Conver published in 1983. Section 3.5 discloses slide-locks.

- The prospectus of German Lashing entitled "Dual Function Twistlock". The publication of this is not known to Applicant.

- The Robert Bock GmbH document entitled "Fully Automatic Lock T-4" of German Lashing was submitted with a previous Information Disclosure Statement. It is noted that although this was cited in the opposition proceedings, this is not a prior art publication and is not prior art for this proceeding.

- DE 690 08 108 T2 discloses a removable intermediate piece for connecting containers to vehicles and handling containers on vehicles. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- Abstracts of Japan and JP 0561699 discloses a connector for containers. Applicant attaches the Patent Abstracts of Japan document as well as a translation from the Japanese Patent Office.

- EP 0 832 827 B1 discloses a self closing connection device for containers. The claims are in English and Applicant also attaches an English language abstract.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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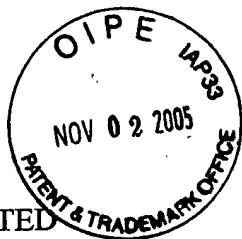
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LIST OF REFERENCES CITED
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Ex- aminer Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub- class	Filing Date
	<u>5,560,088</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 1996</u>	<u>Nitsche et al.</u>			<u>Sept. 10, 1993</u>

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>DE 195 07 603 A1</u>	<u>Sept. 5, 1996</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>EP 0 477 887 B2</u>	<u>April 1, 1992</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 690 08 108 T2</u>	<u>Nov. 17, 1994</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>Patent Abstracts of Japan Publ. No. 05- 016991</u>	<u>Jan. 26, 1993</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>EP 0 832 827 B1</u>	<u>April 1, 1998</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>No</u>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Ex- aminer Initial	Author	Date	Title	Textbook in	Translation Yes/No
	<u>Elsenführ, Speiser & Partner</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>Slide-Locks</u>	<u>Conver</u>	<u>Yes</u>
	<u>Robert Böck GmbH</u>		<u>Dual Function Twistlock</u>	<u>German Lashing</u>	<u>Yes</u>

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